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1. FOLLOWING REPORTS ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NOVEMBER 7 GATT

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COUNCIL MEETING WHICH NOT INCLUDED IN REFTELS.

2. INDONESIA RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE. U.S. REP (MILLER)

SUPPORTED WAIVER, ASKED CUSTOMARY ONE-YEAR TIME LIMIT. INDONESIA SAID ONE YEAR NOT SUFFICIENT,, ASKED FOR TWO, AND WAS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL OTHER DELS. COUNCIL APPROVED WAIVER FOR TWO YEARS WHICH U.S. THEN DID NOT OPPOSE. CHAIRMAN (KITAHARA) CALLED FOR EXPEDITIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND CAUTIONED AGAINST MISUSE OF WAIVER PERIOD.

3. INDIA/YUGOSLAVIA/EGYPT TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. COUNCIL ADOPTED REPORT. TURKEY SAID AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MULTI-LATERALIZED BUT DID NOT OPPOSE. EC ALSO SUPPORTED ADOPTION OF REPORT BUT BUT RECALLED OWN POSITION AGREEMENT SHOULD BE OPENED TO OTHER LDCS. U.S. DID NOT WISH BLOCK SENSE OF COUNCIL BUT RECALLED THAT OUR VIEWS ON AGREEMENT WELL KNOWN AND REGRETTED THIS FURTHER EROSION OF MFN.

4. WP ON POLAND. POLAND DECRIED LACK OF PROGRESS IN WP. U.S. AND OTHERS JOINED IN POLISH REQUEST COUNCIL ENDORSE PARA 17 OF WP REPORT (L.3946, 226 OCTOBER 1973) CALLING FOR IMPROVED FORM AND NOTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS. SEVERAL MEMBERS URGED ESTABLISHMENT OF TERMINAL DATE FOR ALL DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS.

5. REPORT ON ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE ADOPTED. EC RESERVED RIGHT MAKE COMMENT DURING FORTHCOMING CP SESSION NOVEMBER 13-15.

6. EC/TUNISIA. EC SUGGESTED WP EXAMINATION BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEW AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED. U.S. ACCEPTED AND MADE POINTS IN PARA 4, REF (A) WHICH JAPAN AND CANADA SUPPORTED. COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF PROTOCOL.

7. ART. XXXV - JAPAN. JAPAN SAID 14 CPS (LIST TO BE CIRCULATED) STILL MAINTAIN ART. XXXV DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JAPAN, MADE APPEAL FOR DISINVOCATION. U.S., AUSTRALIA, CANADA, POLAND, ROMANIA SUPPORTED JAPANESE APPEAL.

8. TUNISIAN PROVISIONAL ACCESSION. COUNCIL ACCEPTED PROCES VERBAL (L.3942, 26 OCTOBER) AND APPROVED EXTENSION OF PROVISIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCESSION TO DECEMBER 31, 1975.

9. TRAINING ACTIVITIES. DG REPORT NOTED. DG PRIVATELY GAVE U.S. AND OTHER MAJOR SUPPORTERS OF UNDP MEMO BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.

10. APPLICATION OF GATT TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES. DG REPORT NOTED.

11. STATUS OF PROTOCOLS. COUNCIL RECOMMENDED EXTENSION AND APPROVED DRAFT DECISION.

12. OTHER BUSINESS. (A) U.S. ACTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS. U.S. MADE STATEMENT ON BROADENED IMPORT QUOTAS OF BUTTER AND BUTTER SUBSTITUTES AND ON TARIFF COMMISSION INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 22 OF AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT, PER REFTELS (C) AND (D).

(B) BRAZIL ART. XXVIII. BRAZIL ANNOUNCED IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ASK COUNCIL IN DECEMBER TO EXTEND CURRENT WAIVER, TO COMPLETE ART. 28 NEGOTIATIONS. U.K. SAID THEY WERE ONLY COUNTRY NOT HAVING SETTLED WITH BRAZIL BUT READY TO DO SO AND FELT EXTENSION NOT NECESSARY. U.K. AND BRAZIL ARE TO CONFER ON WHETHER EXTENSION NEEDED.

(C) COUNCIL AGREED GRANT OBSERVER STATUS TO COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT.
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